

Remarks

I. The Rejections For Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14-22, 37, 38, 40-55, 57 and 59-72 for non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-21, 23, 25, 50-56 and 71-73 of U.S. Patent No. 7,112,572 ("hereinafter the '572 patent").

At page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14-22, 37, 38, 40-55, 57 and 59-72 for non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,371,729 ("hereinafter the '729 patent").

Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Filed herewith is a terminal disclaimer over the '572 patent and the '729 patent. It is believed that as a result of the filing of the terminal disclaimer, the basis for these rejections is moot. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

II. The Information Disclosure Statement

Filed herewith is an information disclosure statement. Included in the documents listed on the Form PTO/SB/08A are documents US17-US20, which were cited by Applicants in previously filed information disclosure statements, but which the Examiner does not appear to have considered.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed IDS Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that all of the listed documents have been considered.


Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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